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### OVERSEA TRADE

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1964-65

#### SCOPE

This bulletin shows direct trade between overseas countries and South Australian ports. Thus EXPORTS INCLUDE some goods originating in other States but shipped from South Australian ports, but EXCLUDE South Australian goods shipped from ports in other States. Similarly IMPORTS INCLUDE some goods unloaded in South Australia but later sent to other States, but EXCLUDE goods unloaded at ports in other States for subsequent movement to South Australia. Normal INTERSTATE TRADE in Australian goods is of course EXCLUDED from all figures.

VALUE of exports is expressed £A f.o.b. or its equivalent at port of shipment; value of imports is "transaction value" £A f.o.b. or "domestic value" £A f.o.b. at port of shipment, whichever is the greater.

QUANTITIES are tabulated only in respect of exports for which there is an appropriate unit of quantity.

The 1964-65 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to that country reached a peak of £55.5 million (45.1 per cent of total exports) in 1952-53. Since then the proportion of exports shipped to the United Kingdom has declined generally to 25.81 per cent of total value in 1964-65.

The value of exports to other countries fluctuates considerably from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France, and New Zealand - have taken over 30 per cent of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1964-65 the respective proportions of total exports shipped to those countries were 17.2 per cent, 7.5 per cent, 4.0 per cent, and 5.1 per cent.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Consignment	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	£'000				
United Kingdom	26,734	31,250	27,105	42,230	39,007
India, Republic of	1,333	2,785	2,104	3,299	3,184
New Zealand	5,431	5,006	4,785	7,666	7,646
Belgium and Luxembourg	2,187	2,945	3,213	5,282	7,257
China, Republic of - Mainland	7,446	6,440	1,037	4,940	3,335
France	5,747	6,103	6,367	8,311	6,070
Germany, Federal Republic of	3,400	6,997	3,011	4,457	4,109
Italy	3,123	5,473	4,298	4,979	3,125
Japan	17,572	17,909	17,232	27,900	26,017
Netherlands	1,686	2,931	1,155	2,464	1,660
United States of America	4,567	10,354	9,106	9,502	11,316
TOTAL (including other)	99,279	121,988	106,472	161,080	151,121



VOLUME OF  
OVERSEA  
EXPORTS

The following table shows quantities of selected items of exports in each of the last five years.

In 1964-65, 186.5 million lb. (greasy equivalent) of wool was exported, a small fall from the record quantity of 191.9 million lb. (greasy equivalent) exported in 1963-64.

The quantity of wheat exported during 1964-65 (33.8 million bushels) was 10.0% less than the record quantity of 48.7 million bushels exported in 1963-64.

The 12.9 million bushels of barley exported during 1964-65 was 4.1% less than the quantity exported in 1963-64 and 47.9% less than the record 24.8 million bushels exported in 1961-62.

TABLE 2 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	Unit	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
'000						
<u>Foodstuffs, alcoholic liquors, tobacco</u>						
Butter	lb.	607	465	182	898	453
Cheese	lb.	11,164	15,706	11,876	21,194	18,612
Flour (inc. semolina)	ton	72	83	90	90	93
Fruit, Dried - Currants	lb.	6,346	5,225	3,025	4,092	6,548
Raisins	lb.	12,959	14,510	16,050	23,403	21,336
Other	lb.	4,147	3,427	4,106	5,024	4,186
Fresh - Apples	case	245	324	363	426	466
Preserved and pulped	lb.	14,503	21,130	14,884	28,613	29,809
Grain - Barley	bush.	22,427	24,768	6,875	13,450	12,894
Oats	bush.	406	1,148	298	704	1,078
Wheat	bush.	23,911	30,149	18,509	48,658	33,782
Meat - Beef	lb.	1,222	3,160	7,914	8,032	5,626
Lamb	lb.	10,079	5,465	15,336	8,828	10,570
Peas (inc. split peas)	cental	63	52	105	111	97
Spirituuous liquors	pf. gal	78	96	100	87	101
Wine	gal.	1,813	1,568	1,516	1,437	1,882
<u>Animal and vegetable substances</u> (not foodstuffs)						
Tallow	cwt	125	162	202	176	186
Wool - Greasy	lb.	133,261	158,008	151,999	163,298	164,358
Other	lb.	10,316	14,326	15,526	14,624	11,652
<u>Minerals, metals, &amp; metal manufactures</u>						
<u>Minerals -</u>						
Gypsum	cwt	1,585	1,535	2,802	3,404	3,331
<u>Concentrates and ores -</u>						
Copper	cwt	487	570	643	603	695
Lead and silver-lead	cwt	945	909	2,158	1,781	1,417
Zinc	cwt	4,634	4,009	4,111	3,616	3,263
<u>Metals &amp; metal manufactures -</u>						
Iron and steel scrap	cwt	442	427	1,008	1,362	1,458
Lead (Pig)	cwt	2,537	3,918	3,372	3,364	2,959
Silver (bars, ingots)	fine oz	1,570	615	11	4,212	1,152

VALUE OF  
OVERSEA  
EXPORTS

Table 3 shows values of principal commodities exported and Table 4 shows values of exports according to commodity groups.

As shown in Table 4 about 90 per cent of the value of exports comes from the agricultural, pastoral, and mining groups. The commodities of greatest value in each group are: agricultural - wheat, barley, and flour; pastoral - wool, sheep-skins, and meat; mining - lead (pig), lead (including silver-lead) concentrates, and zinc concentrates.





The main variations in the average value per unit of quantity of export commodities during the five years under review were as follows: Barley has risen steadily from 8s. 7d. per bushel in 1960-61 to 11s. 10d. in 1964-65. Wool rose from 4s. 2d. per lb. in 1960-61 to 5s. 7d. in 1963-64 but fell to 5s. 0d. in 1964-65. Lead (pig) fell from £4.2s.9d. per cwt in 1960-61 to £3.5s.6d. in 1962-63 but rose sharply to £4.10s.5d. in 1963-64 and £6.18s.9d. in 1964-65. Lead (including silver-lead) concentrates fell from £2.16s.6d. per cwt in 1960-61 and 1961-62 to £2.8s.7d. in 1962-63 and rose steeply to £3.2s.9d. in 1963-64 and £5.0s.6d. in 1964-65. Zinc concentrates rose from 16s. 4d. per cwt in 1960-61 to 18s. 0d. in 1961-62, fell to 15s. 10d. in 1962-63 and rose sharply to £1.3s.8d. in 1963-64 and £1.16s.10d. in 1964-65.

TABLE 3 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED (a), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	£'000				
<u>Foodstuffs, alcoholic liquors, tobacco</u>					
Butter	80	58	23	115	69
Cheese	956	1,257	1,026	1,810	1,850
Fish (inc. crayfish)	159	435	407	636	696
Flour (inc. semolina)	2,028	2,491	2,758	2,817	2,575
Fruit, Dried - Currants	359	306	181	253	432
Raisins	940	944	1,002	1,572	1,520
Other	526	534	699	734	553
Fresh - Apples	362	555	541	635	772
Other	363	314	282	468	324
Juices and syrups	79	29	40	128	178
Preserved and pulped	882	1,283	887	1,703	1,760
Grain - Barley	9,609	11,711	3,484	6,914	7,623
Oats	116	349	139	243	416
Wheat	16,271	21,419	13,543	35,352	24,053
Honey	130	136	110	137	49
Meat - Beef	163	401	956	1,027	778
Lamb	689	394	1,282	738	904
Other	650	870	933	665	843
Peas (inc. split peas)	149	122	206	241	227
Spirituuous liquors	128	161	164	167	196
Wine	1,197	1,264	1,251	1,239	1,606
<u>Animal and vegetable substances</u> (not foodstuffs)					
Hides and skins	2,911	3,137	4,035	4,848	4,157
Tallow	427	482	518	551	755
Wool - Greasy	28,821	36,452	36,241	47,518	41,705
Other	3,343	5,101	5,458	6,181	4,562
<u>Minerals, metals, &amp; metal manufactures</u>					
Minerals -					
Gypsum	216	230	337	371	449
Concentrates and ores -					
Copper	1,631	1,937	2,293	2,115	2,869
Lead and silver-lead	2,670	2,567	5,241	5,590	7,120
Zinc	3,784	3,615	3,251	4,287	6,005
Metals and metal manufactures -					
Iron and steel scrap	368	351	636	966	997
Lead (pig)	10,499	14,277	11,045	15,205	20,532
Machinery and vehicles	2,872	2,254	2,847	6,971	6,478
Silver (bars, ingots)	641	257	6	2,430	684
Other metals & metal manufactures	3,009	2,758	1,696	2,892	3,195
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Paint, drugs, chemicals, plastics	228	154	134	237	275
Salt	165	370	320	368	304
All other	1,858	3,013	2,500	2,956	3,610
TOTAL EXPORTS	99,279	121,988	106,472	161,080	151,121

(a) The values of export items include the values of outside packages (containers and crates).



TABLE 4 - VALUE OF EXPORTS : COMMODITY GROUPS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity Group	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	£'000				
Agricultural	28,649	36,773	20,579	46,180	35,306
Pastoral and dairying	38,302	48,454	50,792	63,912	56,053
Orchards, vineyards, gardens	4,748	5,300	4,970	6,778	7,188
Mining	22,102	25,687	23,778	31,745	39,502
Manufacturing & miscellaneous	5,478	5,774	6,353	12,465	13,072
TOTAL	99,279	121,988	106,472	161,080	151,121

SOURCE OF  
OVERSEA  
IMPORTS

The United Kingdom is the main source of goods imported into South Australia. During the last ten years the value of direct imports from that country has varied between £16.4 million and £30.8 million while the proportion has declined steadily from 49.1 per cent of total imports in 1955-56 to 23.7 per cent in 1964-65.

In 1964-65 the United States of America supplied 29.1 per cent of total imports, and Canada 5.5 per cent, and in each of the last five years these countries together with the United Kingdom were the source of about 60 per cent of South Australian imports.

TABLE 5 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Origin	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	£'000				
United Kingdom	23,267	16,400	22,176	22,146	24,298
Canada	4,677	3,086	4,731	4,858	5,592
India, Republic of	3,617	1,714	1,687	1,609	2,367
Pakistan	1,150	1,904	1,067	1,336	778
Germany, Federal Republic of	2,817	2,522	2,876	3,629	4,409
Indonesia	1,290	1,262	751	525	910
Japan	3,823	1,684	2,843	4,220	8,199
Netherlands	2,579	1,279	1,722	1,647	2,262
Sweden	891	1,435	1,049	1,495	1,325
United States of America	12,542	11,228	15,969	27,405	29,827
TOTAL (including other)	71,382	51,693	69,913	89,825	102,428

VALUE OF  
OVERSEA  
IMPORTS

During the last ten years the value of imports into South Australia has varied between £45 million and £102 million annually. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:

- (1) Metals and metal manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are motor vehicles and iron and steel.
- (2) Oils, fats, and waxes. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes petrol, kerosene, and diesel oil, fell from £5.2 million in 1955-56 to £2.9 million in 1957-58 but rose slightly to £3.5 million in 1961-62. During this period supplies from newly-established refineries in other States tended to replace direct oversea imports of refined oil products. The sharp increase in direct oversea imports to £6.1 million in 1962-63, £10.8 million in 1963-64 and £11.3 million in 1964-65 resulted from the import of crude oil for use in the oil refinery which commenced operating in South Australia during 1962-63.

The general pattern of imports has not changed greatly since before the war, but some changes have occurred in the proportions which principal items bear to total imports. In addition to the variations in oils, fats, and waxes, marked fluctuations have occurred in the vehicles group, which accounted for 7.4 per cent of total imports in 1938-39, 13.8 per cent in 1960-61, 12.5 per cent in 1961-62, 21.8 per cent in 1962-63, 25.5 per cent in 1963-64, and 23.8 per cent in 1964-65.



TABLE 6 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	£'000				
<u>Foodstuffs, alcoholic liquors, tobacco</u>					
Cocoa, coffee, and chicory	152	154	150	172	143
Fish (all kinds)	584	559	589	714	781
Tea	583	567	503	487	575
Tobacco and cigarettes	89	116	130	188	207
Whisky	77	88	66	69	79
<u>Animal and vegetable substances</u> (not foodstuffs)					
Apparel and attire	473	258	312	362	414
Bags and sacks	3,705	2,772	1,599	1,996	2,015
Fibres - Vegetable	1,348	1,263	1,202	1,808	1,557
Paper, paper pulp, and paper board	2,616	1,595	2,288	2,468	2,942
Rubber and rubber goods	853	760	917	1,020	1,664
Stationery and books	1,310	1,419	1,419	1,489	1,444
Textiles and piecegoods	3,657	2,773	3,250	3,062	3,551
Timber	3,603	2,100	2,586	3,410	3,933
Yarns	181	107	138	114	169
<u>Paints, drugs, chemicals, plastics</u>					
Drugs, chemicals, and medicines	1,685	1,423	1,785	1,884	2,357
Fertilizers	762	818	870	1,037	1,553
Paints, varnishes, and pigments	294	204	306	193	246
Plastic materials, fibres, and yarns	1,126	899	1,065	1,486	1,905
<u>Minerals, metals, and metal manufactures</u>					
Cutlery and platedware	116	72	90	82	115
Electrical equipment	4,235	3,032	4,199	3,712	4,331
Iron and steel	6,891	1,629	2,489	3,307	5,912
Machines and machinery -					
Dynamo electrical	720	681	1,042	801	657
Other	11,122	8,986	10,362	13,894	15,545
Non-ferrous metals	578	356	483	504	689
Vehicles -					
Aircraft and parts	152	209	143	116	90
Motor vehicles and parts	8,741	5,918	14,433	21,935	23,329
Motor cycles, cycles and parts	286	150	185	216	239
Other vehicles and parts	699	198	486	662	725
Wire	577	154	284	266	308
Other metals & metal manufactures	2,179	2,006	1,718	1,741	2,297
<u>Oils, fats, waxes</u>					
Petrol	2,014	1,652	1,807	1,343	1,422
Kerosene	574	337	510	42	120
Crude oil	-	-	2,258	8,231	8,514
Other	1,232	1,462	1,542	1,183	1,234
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, ammunition, explosives	156	89	109	151	221
Earthenware - Ceramic tiles	185	165	215	268	214
Householdware	328	272	321	266	297
Glass and glassware	1,287	810	1,309	1,131	1,185
Instruments - Musical	114	76	93	78	97
Scientific	299	271	265	384	467
Jewellery and timepieces	239	346	296	354	353
Outside packages (a)	1,417	1,090	1,699	2,124	2,270
All other	4,143	3,857	4,400	5,075	6,262
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>71,382</b>	<b>51,693</b>	<b>69,913</b>	<b>89,825</b>	<b>102,428</b>

(a) The value of outside packages is recorded as a separate item.

